

# MONTANA BROADBAND TRIBAL SUMMIT

The Montana Broadband Program, in the Montana Department of Administration, State Information Technology Service Division, in partnership with the Federal Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), is working with Montana citizens to increase broadband awareness throughout Montana and Indian Country. As part of this effort, the Montana Broadband Program has conducted meetings with Montana Tribes to learn about broadband issues in Indian Country and to share information about resources.

Keynote speaker at the summit will provide insight into the importance of high-speed internet access and what it means to reservation communities. Featured speakers include:

- **Marisa Duarte** – Postdoctoral Fellow - American Indian Studies at the University of Illinois. “Seamless Technologies: Weaving Information Systems into Indian Country.”
- **John Badal** - Co-founder of Sacred Wind Communications, CEO and Chairman of the Board. “Providing Telephone and Internet Service to the Navajo Reservation”.
- **Jerry Sheehan** – Montana State University, Chief Information Officer
- **Michael Munson** – Digital Place Name Project
- **Mike LaFromboise** – Blackfeet Community College
- **Paul DeWolfe** – Access Consulting

Tribal members from each of Montana’s reservations, and the Little Shell Tribe, have been invited. The Montana Broadband Program would like to invite you to participate in the fall 2014 Tribal Summit. The Summit is open to all citizens with interest in Tribal Broadband. Registration is free and required.

To register for the Summit – please complete and return the attached form or contact the Montana Broadband Program today:

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## Montana Broadband Program Tribal Broadband Summit - 2014

**Location:** Helena, MT  
Red Lion Colonial Inn

**Date:** Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

### Agenda:

#### Sept. 10

6:00 pm Reception

**Location:** Montana Historical Society Museum

Welcome - *Lt. Governor Angela Mclean*

#### Sept. 11

8:00 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – Opening Ceremony & Welcome

9:00 am – Opening Keynote: Marisa Duarte

10:00 am - Culture and Technology Applications

11:00 am – Broadband Partnerships with Tribes

12:00 pm – Lunch Keynote: John Badal

1:30 pm – Broadband Workforce Opportunities

2:30 pm – Wrap-up & Summit Closes

*(Call Red Lion at 406-443-2100 for room reservations)*

